

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE - PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF: JUNE 25, 2009

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER**☐ Consent ☒ Discussion**SUBJECT:**

DIR-34649 - DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS - PUBLIC HEARING - Progress report by the Planning & Development Department regarding the development of corridor plans as discussed at the March 23rd 2009 Joint City Council and Planning Commission workshop.

NO ACTION**PROTESTS RECEIVED BEFORE:****Planning Commission Mtg.****City Council Meeting****APPROVALS RECEIVED BEFORE:****Planning Commission Mtg.****City Council Meeting****RECOMMENDATION:****NO RECOMMENDATION****BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Conditions (Not Applicable) and Staff Report
2. Corridor Plan
3. Submitted at Meeting – Corridor Plans

Minutes:

CHAIR TROWBRIDGE declared the Public Hearing open.

Utilizing the PowerPoint presentation submitted for the record, FLINN FAGG, Planning and Development, updated the Commission on the implementation of the Corridor Plan within the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan, its funding sources, Code modifications and the Corridor Plan schedule.

An upcoming joint workshop will be held on March 23, 2009 dealing with great streets, as the quality of streets is a vital factor in defining a city's character. Eight identified corridors have been identified: a) Alta Drive/Rampart Boulevard/Ft. Apache Road, b) Charleston Boulevard, c) Cheyenne Avenue, d) Eastern Avenue, e) Fremont Street, f) Grand Teton Drive, g) Rancho Drive and Sahara Avenue. Staff is also looking at Lake Mead Drive as an additional corridor.

COMMISSIONER GOYNES was pleased to hear that Lake Mead Boulevard would be considered, since no areas of Ward 5 were included in this plan. He questioned why not commence now, especially in areas, such as the Martin Luther King Boulevard (MLK) widening project, as the construction is already taking place and would be a perfect opportunity for streetscape work. He believed that work could be done from inside/out in areas that lack or never get enhancements.

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MR. FAGG added that the Charleston Boulevard/Sahara Avenue corridor is the first to be researched, and the public will have an opportunity to provide input at multiple sessions, with the first being tentatively scheduled in late July. Thereafter, the Commission will do the same followed by adoption at a City Council meeting.

CHAIR TROWBRIDGE believed this area is a multi mogul transportation area, so the plan should reflect the individual needs of each community. He commended staff on their efforts.

MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development, added that coordination between departments will involve more and better Planning and Public Work discussions. Part of the whole process is to ensure that the corridor plans are coordinated with the Capital Improvement Program, which is a major portion of the West Las Vegas update. Unfortunately, the MLK project is already under construction and plans have been done.

COMMISSIONER EVANS applauded staff on their hard work and efforts. He was pleased with the recent remarkable developments taking place, such as the Lou Ruvo Brain Institute. He would also like to see addressed within this plan issues dealing with irrigation, streetscapes providing connectivity and who is responsible for maintenance. He stressed the importance of honoring this plan as applications come forward; it is a matter of time that the economy will change for the better and more successful ventures will occur.

TODD FARLOW agreed with COMMISSIONER GOYNES' comments regarding the inclusion of Lake Mead Boulevard in this plan. He applauded MS. WHEELER and staff on their efforts.

CHAIR TROWBRIDGE declared the Public Hearing closed.